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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Hunter, et al.

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For: FACTORY INTERFACE
PARTICLE REMOVAL PLATFORM

MAIL STOP Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5970.03/NAN, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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